



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER TRANSPORTATION

Under current law, DOT administers an elderly and disabled transportation capital assistance program. Under the program, DOT annually awards grants to qualified private, nonprofit organizations and local public bodies for capital costs related to specialized vehicles and facilities used to provide transportation services to elderly and disabled persons.

This bill changes several of the requirements of the program. Under the bill: 1) the program is not limited to capital costs; 2) the assistance beneficiary category of elderly persons, defined as persons age 55 or older, is changed to seniors, defined as age 65 or older; 3) DOT is not required to maintain an annual application cycle; and 4) several statutory requirements that are in addition to federal requirements related to applicants and award amounts are eliminated.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.395 (1) (cq) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.395 (1) (cq) *Elderly Seniors and disabled ~~capital~~ individuals with disabilities specialized transportation aids, state funds.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for specialized transportation ~~capital~~ assistance for the elderly seniors and disabled individuals with disabilities under s. 85.22.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 85.22 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.22 (title) ~~Capital assistance program for specialized~~ **Specialized transportation program.**

SECTION 3. 85.22 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.22 (1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to promote the general public health and welfare by providing ~~capital~~ assistance to eligible applicants providing transportation services to elderly seniors and disabled ~~persons~~ individuals with disabilities.

SECTION 4. 85.22 (2) (ag) of the statutes is renumbered 85.22 (2) (bm) and amended to read:

85.22 (2) (bm) “~~Disabled person~~ Individual with a disability” means any individual who, because of any temporary or permanent physical or mental condition or institutional residence is unable without special facilities or special planning or design to use available transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected.

SECTION 5. 85.22 (2) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 85.22 (2) (am) and amended to read:

85.22 (2) (am) “Eligible applicant” means any applicant that meets eligibility requirements for federal assistance under [49 USC 5310](#) (a) and is one of the following:

SECTION 6. 85.22 (2) (am) 1. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 7. 85.22 (2) (am) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 8. 85.22 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 9. 85.22 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

85.22 (2) (d) “Senior” means any individual age 65 or older.

SECTION 10. 85.22 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.22 (3) (a) To receive and review ~~annually~~ applications for aid under this section and to prescribe the form, nature, and extent of information which shall be contained in applications. Each applicant shall indicate whether the transportation services it provides or proposes to provide conflict with any transportation services being assisted under s. 85.21.

SECTION 11. 85.22 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.22 (3) (c) To make and execute agreements with eligible applicants to provide for the undertaking of transportation services to elderly seniors or disabled persons individuals with disabilities.

SECTION 12. 85.22 (3) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.22 (3) (g) To establish an ~~annual~~ application cycle for the program.

SECTION 13. 85.22 (3) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.22 (3) (h) To establish, by rule, standards for the coordination of transportation services to elderly seniors and ~~disabled persons for purposes of s. 85.22 (2) (am) 2. b~~ individuals with disabilities. These standards may require certification by a local public body that any application for aid under this section

shall be consistent with the recommendations of a local coordinating committee on transportation that has membership which is, in the department's judgment, sufficient to provide for adequate coordination of services available in the applicable area.

SECTION 14. 85.22 (4) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 85.22 (4) and amended to read:

85.22 (4) Commencing with the highest ranked application and to the extent that state and federal moneys are available, the department shall offer to each eligible applicant an amount of state aid such that the sum of federal and state aid received by an applicant does not exceed ~~any of the following:~~ the funding limitations defined in 49 USC 5310.

SECTION 15. 85.22 (4) (a) 1. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 16. 85.22 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 17. 85.22 (4) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 18. 121.53 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.53 (3) (c) When the school bus is used as specified in s. 340.01 (56) (am) for the purpose of transporting elderly seniors or ~~disabled persons~~ individuals with disabilities in connection with a transportation assistance program for such persons.

SECTION 19. 340.01 (23g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

340.01 (23g) (a) Means a motor vehicle which is not painted in accordance with s. 347.44 (1) and which is used for the purpose of transporting ~~disabled persons~~ individuals with disabilities as defined in s. ~~85.21 (2) (cm)~~ 85.22 (2) (bm) or elderly persons seniors as defined in s. 85.22 (2) ~~(b)~~ (d) in connection with any transportation assistance program for elderly seniors or ~~disabled persons~~ individuals with disabilities.

SECTION 20. 340.01 (56) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

340.01 **(56)** (am) Means a motor vehicle which is painted in accordance with s. 347.44 (1) and is used for the purpose of transporting ~~disabled persons~~ individuals with disabilities as defined in s. ~~85.21 (2) (cm)~~ 85.22 (2) (bm) or ~~elderly persons~~ seniors as defined in s. 85.22 (2) ~~(b)~~ (d) in connection with any transportation assistance program for ~~elderly~~ seniors or ~~disabled persons~~ individuals with disabilities.

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